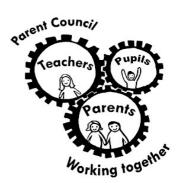


# Kildrum Primary School Parent Council

Meeting Minutes 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017



#### Present:

PC Representatives

Ricky Neil, Jennie McGregor, George Robertson, Lindsey Anne Hoe, Diane White, Robert Aird, Angela Hamilton,

**School Representatives** 

Kate Watt and Ann Davis

Apologies: Donna O'Neil, Debbie McPhee, Debbie Johnson

Welcome parents to parent council meeting, new parents will be given a form to collect details of email address

## Review of previous minutes

Joint letter from Parent Council sent to various local council & government representative expressing concerns on decision to reduce classroom support staff, general cost cutting and other budget cuts Responses received from Jamie Hepburn, Gillian Fannan & Deborah Davies.

Members discussed content, communication is ongoing with various parties.

# **School Updates**

## New term update

There are 13 classes this year with less children in each class. The school was planning on buying a supply teacher for the year using the pupil equity fund. This fell through as she gained employment elsewhere. There are no other supply teachers available from the authority.

Ann Davis has been promoted from principal teacher to depute head. This is funded through PEF.

The school are also looking to employ a community learning and development officer with PEF.

P 2/3 teacher will be taking sick leave shortly and the two depute teachers will cover this class.

The school are thinking of the best way to use PEF money looking and at a possible to bid for an early years worker.

Kate went over what the Pupil equity fund is for those who didn't know.

North Lanarkshire Council will continue to fund the breakfast club this year although they will be looking for proof of how it raises attainment going forward. Kate will be looking for opportunities to ensure attainment is being raised. Possible suggestions would be homework @breakfast club or active activities.

The school hope to be given another £117,000 in March / April 2018. Kate clarified how this award was worked out and noted there was confusion as to if the money can be carried on.

There will be a first ever parents conference on the 12<sup>th</sup> Sept at 1.30pm. There may be more of these events in the future and hopefully will be held in the evening to ensure that as many parents as possible can experience the event.

## Securing outdoor space

School boundary has been confirmed and fence has been erected over the summer holidays to secure the football pitch and some of the surrounding area. The school, with the help from the children parents and parent council, will be looking to develop the area by drawing up plans, securing grants etc.

## **High school links**

6th year pupils will join the school for work experience.

The parent council will look to invite the senior management staff from the high school to attend a future parent council meeting.

#### Disco

Robert Aird has booked LMJ Entertainment to DJ at the school disco. A £25 deposit has been paid with £100 to be paid on the evening. An agenda has been made for the running of the DJ for the evening.

Discussed responsibilities regarding disco

- -There must be enough parent helpers at the disco
- -parents will be given a list of jobs/areas to be looked after
- -parents should interact with the children, including looking after safety
- -parents dropping children off must leave a phone number

Kate will print off letters for disco this time but then the responsibility will be passed to Jennie. Kate will email Jennie the letters. Jennie will email office for registers for each disco.

School Disco will be £3 per child payable on arrival.

Parents must leave a contact number when leaving kids at the disco.

#### Any other business

## P7 Leavers Party "Prom"

A concern was raised about the P7 Leaver party "prom" and the financial pressures that it brings for parents. The parent council will ask questions the Facebook page about prom to see what other views there are on the event

Survey to be prepared for parents from p6 and p7 to complete to get a gage of parents views.

# School Tour

Members took a tour of the school and were able to see the new outdoor area. General discussion on school conditions and future projects including development of home economic room

Next Meeting Planned – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017 at 6pm J mcgregor 05/09/2017